Workers paid low wages earn about half as much as all workers

Bars show median annual earnings for workers paid low wages (compared to all workers) and median annual earnings for families with at least one low-wage worker (compared to all working families).



\$30,000 Low-wage workers

All workers \$55,000

Median annual earnings: Overall (full-time + part-time) \$25,000 Low-wage workers

\$50,000 All workers

Median family total earnings Families with at least

\$40,002 one low-wage worker

All working families \$75,000

In 2022, the value of the low-wage threshold is \$19.69. The sample includes workers who live in California, were employed last week

but not self-emploved, ages 16+, and with non-zero earnings last week. Chart: UC Berkeley Labor Center • Source: IPUMS Current Population Survey - Annual Social and Economic Supplement 2022 & EPI Current

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